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Dear Anne

I enclose 3 articles which lately appeared in the Courier relating to the constitution which I wish you thoughtfully to read. They contain facts, & arguments, which I think cannot be overthrown. It is perfect nonsense to talk of destroying the Constitution as an Antislavery measure. It is a proslavery measure decidedly. How I am for getting rid of Slavery - I enlisted for that object, & mean not to abandon it. I am not going to run off the track in a wild goose chase after something else, or be driven to act contrary to the dictate of the measure of common sense which I have, be it ever so little. Pardon me if I say that the Courier & Mass. A. S. S. have given up the "stuff of accomplishment," & every body sees it to be so. The enemies of Unionism, of old org. of the A. S. cause are delighted with your present position; & this, to my mind, is prime fair evidence that your position is a morally one. An enemy is quick sighted in discovering the mistakes of his adversary.

Non Resistance has placed the society in a somewhat ridiculous situation, & I think you must perceive that it has done so. A bad man is in office, it is desirable put in a better. The society says, it is against our principles to vote - voting is very wicked, sir. we cannot do so. But it is in accordance with your principles to vote, & we call on you to go to the poll, & commit the wicked act.

We want the Constitution destroyed, torn up.

How it is against our principles to tear it - it would be very wicked for us to tear it, but it would not be wicked for you to do it, for you have the tearing constitution.

We are very hungry & want some soup. now it is against our principles to make soup - but you have no scruples about it, & therefore we call on you to go & make it, & you are very wicked, for not making it, & letting us have the benefit of it.

I will not quarrel with you because your men was upon the cons. though I exceedingly regret that you do so - nor will I be in a passion because you carry your non-resistance to the borders of the ridiculous, for these humbuggs must have their day, & then they will be laid aside, & you will come to yourselves, & behave like other sensible people. The evil, & it is not a small one, of these ultracons is, that it is a hindrance to A. Savery, or at least prevents accessions to old Cons. I know there are those who do not, apparently, desire numbers in the A. S. cause. They will tell us about the walls of Jericho being thrown down by the blowing of a few dozen of rams horns & of the discomfiture of the mighty host of Philistines by a few lumps of broken pithers. I have no objection to give of these, & many other strange stories of olden time. This much is certain, now a days we do not see fortification leveled, & armies conquered by rams horns & pithers. I do not say but they may be used with terrible effect, but till I can see more clearly than I now do their adaptation to the purposes of war, I shall never rely upon them. I am very sure that in 1845, in democratic U. States, power, age, moral power, is very nearly in proportion to numbers - & any cause which I wished to carry it would be my principal aim to gain numbers to the cause. The U. S. cause I do not believe is an exception.

But I did not intend to write a letter - you

were now much in my debt, of which please to take notice
& govern yourself accordingly; - Mrs. Atkinson &
family, bag & baggage, arrived here yesterday. They
have quit Quebec forever - he will seek a parish
in Massachusetts.

I never was so much at leisure in my life - I
have given up the house & all its concerns to Mary.
& have taken refuge in the barn, which I remember
you once telling me was the man's place. I thought
at that time it was rather Quaker doctrine, but I
have come to like it very much. To get rid of the
complexities of indoor's is no small gain, & goes far to
reconcile me to my new residence.

Remember me respectfully to your friends
& believe me ever yours

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